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In re Ap	pplic	cati	on of:)		Art Unit:	#2	2 Pre-A	
Toshio ARIYASU et al.					ý		Washingtor	(' '		
U.S.S.N.	. :)		_		06/19/98	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 18, line 3, delete "of claim 1".

If, inadvertently, a proper multiple dependent claim has not been amended to reduce it to single dependency, please amend it to be dependent solely on the first-mentioned claim, or, if that is not possible, please cancel the claim and notify the undersigned.

<u>REMARKS</u>

The above amendment to the claims is being made in order to eliminate multiple dependency and for the purpose of reducing the filing fee. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee in this case.